

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing device for tightly sealing an annular space between two members combined with each other in such a way as to rotate relatively to each other and having a seal lip sliding on a peripheral surface of one member of the two members, the sealing device comprising:

a sliding surface along the peripheral surface;

a an atmosphere side slope surface sloping to gradually enlarge a space with respect to the peripheral surface from an atmosphere side end edge of the sliding surface;

first screw projections formed on the atmosphere side slope surface and the sliding surface, the first screw projections extending from the atmosphere side slope surface to a middle of the sliding surface; and

second screw projections formed on the sliding surface,

an end on a sliding surface side of the first screw projections being formed in ~~a shape cut out along~~ on the sliding surface, and a first portion on a slope surface side of the first screw projections having ~~an equal width portion formed in~~ a shape in which a height increases toward an atmosphere side with a width kept at a nearly equal width, the ~~equal width~~ first portion of the first screw projections having a cross

section of a nearly pentagonal shape formed of parallel extending side walls terminating at a triangular shaped apex.

2. (Cancelled)